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DAYS SESSION.

THE WORK OF BOTH HOUSES

Will Publish From Time to Time the
Latest News of Interest From the
Senate and the House of Repres
entatives.

Columbia.—The general assembly of South Carolina convened for its annual session of 49 days. The halls of the senate and house of representatives had been placed in condition for receiving the members of the legislature.

The annual message of the governor was read to both the senate and the house soon after they were called to order.

The following is the annual message in part of C. L. Blease, governor of South Carolina, read before the senate and house:

To the Honorable, the Members of the General Assembly of the state of South Carolina:—Gentlemen:—Once again you have met together and it becomes my duty, as governor, to make recommendations which are for the best interest of the people of our state.

This having been a very busy year in the executive department, it is impossible to embody the various matters into one message without making it entirely too lengthy. Therefore, whatever may have been the usual custom, I will communicate with you by several messages instead of one.

I have given close attention to financial interests and find extravagance in many places, and that useless offices have been created; and that it is possible to run the government on less money, which would relieve our people from their heavy tax burden.

The joint assembly unanimously elected Eugene B. Gary of Abbeville, now an associate justice, to the position of chief justice of the supreme court of South Carolina. Associate Justice Gary was the only nominee.

Richard C. Watts, former circuit judge from the Fourth circuit, was sworn in as an associate justice of the supreme court, following his election.

Associate Justice Watts addressed the following letter to the governor, which was sent to the general assembly in a special message:

"Having qualified as associate justice of the supreme court, I have the honor to inform you that a vacancy exists in the office of judge of the Fourth circuit."

The message was received by the legislature as information. A date for the election of the successor will be set by the house and senate.

A well defined rumor in legislative circles was to the effect that the house and senate will be asked to make thorough investigation of the details of the loan of \$500,000 made to the state for running expenses. Resolutions are expected to be introduced simultaneously in the senate and house calling upon the legislature to appoint a commission to make the investigation and report on the matter at earliest possible date.

The Senate.

The following appointments were announced by C. A. Smith, president of the senate: Journal clerk, E. E. Moore, Anderson; Bill clerk, E. E. Terry, Saluda; secretary, L. M. Green, Sumter; pages, Jack Mulligan, Columbia, and Edwin Fuller, Laurens; mail clerk, N. O. Pyle, Columbia; doorkeepers, Jonas Armstrong, Anderson; R. M. Floyd, Spartanburg, and John Brunson, Edgefield; laborers, Albert Nance, Newberry; Calhoun Butler, Abbeville; John Floyd, Florence.

A veto measure, providing for rural police for Newberry county, was passed by the senate over the veto of the governor by a vote of 35 to 10.

"Label Case" Date is Not Yet Fixed.

The time set for the trial of the "label cases" was not set by the court as expected. Attorney General Lyons, when asked about the cases, said that the cases would be associated with the case out of the city, and would be after a conference in that they would be ready when the cases would be ready.

W. Boykin, J. B. Towill and W. O. Tatum are charged with having a high price for a shipment of lumber.

With Holds An Election.

A motion held at Honea Path to the effect that the election for the town resulted in a victory for the Jasper county advocates.

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2. The measure will be sent to the house for a vote.

The measure provided that rural policemen be appointed by the sheriff of Newberry county and not by the governor. The chief executive sent in a message giving his reason for vetoing the measure. Among the reasons assigned for vetoing the measure was that the title did not state clearly the meaning of the act. Senator Johnstone of Newberry championed the measure and stated that any one acquainted with conditions in Newberry county knew that the measure was necessary.

The act providing for the investigation of the governor, the attorney general and the winding-up commission of the old state dispensary, that the governor vetoed, was passed over his veto in the senate by a vote of 35 to 10, and was sent to the house for further consideration. There was much acrimonious and caustic debate on what one senator termed "a slap in the face of every member on the floor of the senate."

H. B. Carlisle, senator from Spartanburg county, opened the debate on the bill. He stated that the bill was introduced at the instance of the governor to take the stain off the character of those whom he accused. After its passage the governor saw fit to veto it.

The House of Representatives. Speaker Smith announced these appointments: R. E. Carlisle, Journal clerk; J. R. Arnold, bill clerk; W. S. Bonner, general desk clerk; W. S. Tillman, secretary to speaker; doorkeepers, J. R. Kay, W. S. Turner, C. W. Teal; pages, Thomas Trussell, Clifton McCain, Andrew McCall.

Many were of course disappointed, as there are not sufficient places to go around for all who want positions. The shoe-string county bill, about which there has been much said, was reported as becoming law without the approval of the governor. This bill is directed against what are called "ill-shaped" counties.

The bill as to the rural police in Cherokee was "left over" and the Spartanburg county rural police bill that has been vetoed, will provoke a return.

The senate notified the house of the passage of the act reopening the dispensary investigation over the veto of the governor. On motion of Mr. Sawyer the message was considered immediately after third reading bills.

On K. P. Smith's motion the message and the act to which it relates were ordered printed in the house journal.

The house took up a few second prescribe a mileage base for making freight rates, and to fix penalty with in this state." Mr. Dixon spoke in favor of the passage of the bill. The railroad commission has already made a ruling covering the provisions of the bill. On motion of Mr. McGill, the enacting words were stricken out.

Bills Before House.

The following third reading bills and joint resolutions carried over on the calendar from last year were passed by the house and ordered ratified:

To require the use of electric head lights on certain locomotive engines owned or operated by any company, corporation, lessee, manager, or receiver, and to provide a penalty for a failure to use same.

To require all municipal corporations of more than 200 population to keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and to publish same.

A joint resolution to authorize the county supervisor of Barnwell county to borrow money.

To amend an act entitled "An act to declare the law in reference to, and to regulate the manufacture, sale, use, consumption, possession, transportation, and disposition of alcoholic liquors and beverages within the state, and to police the same, approved the 16th day of February, A. D. 1907, in so far as the same applies to counties of Charleston and Georgetown," approved the 26th day of February, A. D. 1908, in so far as the same applies to Charleston county, approved March 3, 1909, exempting Richmond county from the provisions thereof.

A bill relating to the place of trial of mutual fire and life insurance companies. (Sent to senate with amendment.)

To authorize the school trustees of Gannt school district, 24, in Anderson county, to charge and collect a matriculation fee of pupils attending schools in said district.

Licenses Law Wanted in Charleston.

The abolition of the dispensary law and the substitution of the license system for the regulation of the liquor traffic formed the subject of a two hours session of city council of Charleston. A committee of the whole in conference with Charleston county legislators at which Mayor Grace argued at length declaring that the dispensary is the root of all evil, that it is not suitable for a seaport and that if the matter is properly presented the desired legislation will be provided.

Injured While Attending His Duties.

Capt. I. P. Gregorie, commander on Charleston and Western Carolina trains No. 43 and 44, running between Port Royal and Yemassee, was painfully injured while attending to his duties. He was standing on the rear platform of his train signaling to the engineer when he was knocked off by a stand-pipe as the train was passing it. He was rendered unconscious and received painful injuries. He is now at his home recuperating. Capt. Ben Black was in charge of the train during Capt. Gregorie's confinement.

assembly to declare the section of land a county, and authorize the setting up of county government, providing also room in the house and senate for legislative representatives.

The new county is to have Ridgeland as a county seat, and will be located in the southern corner of the state, bordering upon Beaufort county. The advocates of the new county are eager to have the matter go through and to have their portion of the state declared a county.

County Probably.

"Want Jasper" is the slogan in the new county. The reference, of course, is to the new county of this name. The election was held during the latter part of last year, and resulted in a victory for the Jasper county advocates.

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DISPENSARY
PROFITS 1911

Approach Quarter of a Million
Number of Improvements
Made During the Year

The sales at the local beer and whiskey dispensaries during the past year approached a million dollars, the exact figures being \$800,274.54. For the preceding year the sales ran up to \$698,607.13, the increase being \$102,667.41. The net profits for the twelve months just ended were \$229,751.05; the year preceding \$195,992.02, the increase being \$33,758.43.

The profits of 1911 were divided as follows: City \$114,875.51; county \$68,925.30; school fund \$45,950.24.

The persons connected with the dispensary in Richland county were given a raise in salary during the year and a new whiskey dispensary was established. These and other improvements were met with the earnings from the sales and do not appear in the profits as given in the statement.

"Hub" Evans Gives Bond.

Columbia, Jan. 8.—H. H. Evans, of Newberry, who was last week indicted for receiving rebates and for conspiracy to receive rebates while a member of the board of the State dispensary in 1900, appeared in the Richland county court, accompanied by his attorney Mr. Eugene S. Blease, and gave bond in the sum of \$1,000, for his appearance for trial. The bond was signed by L. W. Floyd, C. W. Fant, E. M. Evans, and C. J. Purcell. Mr. Evans stated that he was ready for trial.

Mr. Evans is charged with having accepted a rebate from M. A. Goodman, a liquor drummer in the sum of \$50. It is not known whether the case will be tried this term or not.

The time for the trial of the "Label cases" was not set by the court this morning as had been expected. Attorney General Lyons, when a bill about the matter, stated that Mr. W. F. Stevenson, who will be associated with the prosecution, was out of the city, and it would be after a conference with him that they would be ready to say when the cases would be tried.

L. W. Boykin, J. P. Towill and W. O. Tatum are under indictment in this case, and they are charged with having paid too high a price for a shipment of labels while connected with the late state dispensary. The time will probably be set tomorrow and it is thought that some day next week probably Monday will be decided on.

For County Clerk.

The Leader is authorized to announce as a candidate for the office of county clerk of Grayson county, Miss Nova Bowen, who for four years has been an assistant in the office and is thoroughly familiar with the responsibilities of the position. The Leader takes pleasure in placing the candidacy of Miss Bowen before the people of the county, and it is through no feeling of partiality but from a knowledge of conditions we state that she will be splendidly supported in this part of the county.

Miss Bowen is the granddaughter of Thos. H. Bowen who was a pioneer of this section and a prominent mill man, who moved to Grayson county over a half century ago and settled three miles east of Van Alstyne. Her father was John B. Bowen, one of the leading citizens of the county and a brave Confederate soldier who served throughout the war. Her brothers are Will, Tom, Joe, John and Reese Bowen all well known and worthy citizens of the county, and she is a niece of R. L. Bowen of this city. In family connection Miss Bowen occupies an enviable position, as she belongs to a family noted for its integrity and moral worth. She was born and reared in this community and has scores of friends in Van Alstyne and Elmont who will work heartily for her nomination. Miss Bowen is well qualified for the office she seeks, as she had four years of experience, is entirely familiar with all the details of the office

BALTIMORE FOR
DEMOCRATS

Will Meet in Maryland City on
June 25. "Permissive Primary Rule."

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Democratic national committee completed its work here today with the selection of Baltimore as the convention city. June 25 was fixed as the date of the gathering when candidates for president and vice president will be selected. The Republican national convention is to be held in Chicago June 18. The Democratic committee issued a permissive primary rule, and such States as have laws on the subject and desire to do so can select their representatives in the national convention by direct vote.

Harmony marked today's sitting of the committee, which was given over almost entirely to arguments of representatives of the various cities bidding for the convention. William Jennings Bryan did not attend. He had not finished his speech at the Jackson day banquet until well after 3 o'clock this morning.

There was brief controversy over the proposed recognition of the Progressive League of Clubs, an organization said to have grown out of the Independence league movement, started by William R. Hearst. When objection was made, the question of recognition was deferred for four years.

Norman E. Mack, national chairman, was named to head the subcommittee on arrangements for the convention. Vice Chairman Hall of Nebraska and Secretary Urey Woodson of Kentucky will be ex-officio members of this subcommittee, and there will be seven additional members, to be named later by Mr. Mack.

The primary resolution adopted was a modification of one proposed by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon. It was framed by a subcommittee headed by Clark Howell, and was as follows:

"That in the choice of delegates and alternates to the national Democratic convention of 1912 the Democratic States or territorial committees may, if not otherwise directed by laws of such States or territories, provide for the direct election of such delegates or alternates if in the opinion of the respective committees it is desirable and possible to do so with proper and sufficient safeguards. Where such provision is not made by the respective committees for the choice of delegates and alternates, and where the State laws do not provide specifically the manner of proceeding, then the delegates and alternates to the said national convention shall be chosen in the manner that governed the choice of delegates from the respective State and territories during the last national convention.

Baltimore led in the fight for the convention from the very first, but two ballots were required before St. Louis succumbed. Then the vote was made unanimous. The Baltimore bid was accompanied by a certified check for \$100,000. The date of the convention, June 25, suggested by F. B. Lynch of Minnesota, was unanimously accepted.

The first ballot on the convention gave Baltimore 25 votes and St. Louis 17.

On the second ballot, Baltimore had 29 votes, a majority, and St. Louis 22.

Blease to Address Conference

Rev. Richard Carroll asks publication of the following:

Five years ago, Richard Carroll organized the South Carolina Colored Race conference. He has been and is now its president. This conference will hold its annual session this year in Columbia, beginning Wednesday, January 24, and closing on January 26.

Heretofore, among the prominent white speakers to appear before the conference was the governor of the State. On account of certain utterances alleged to have been made by the governor, it was a debatable

EUGENE B. GARY
CHIEF JUSTICE

Senior Associate Justice Succeeds
Ira B. Jones, Resigned—
Sketch of New Chief

Columbia Jan. 10.—Eugene B. Gary of Abbeville, senior associate justice, today was unanimously elected chief justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court at a joint session of the General Assembly held at 12:30 p. m.

Mr. Gary's name was the only one proposed for the place and out of the 153 votes cast he polled the entire number. Mr. Gary succeeds Mr. Ira B. Jones, who resigned his position as Chief Justice to enter race for Governor this year, the resignation having taken effect yesterday. The term is really the unexpired term of Y. J. Pope, former chief justice, who resigned a few years ago, being succeeded by Mr. Jones, who was at that time associate justice. Mr. Pope's term would have expired in 1914 had he retained the place and lived, and that year would also of course have marked the expiration of Mr. Jones' term as chief justice and will therefore be the termination of the term of which Mr. Gary was today elected.

Mr. Gary's name was proposed by Senator J. Moore Mars of Abbeville, and the nomination received hearty seconds from all parts of the house, both senators and representatives rising to express themselves in favor of the senior associate justice of the State's higher tribunal.

R. C. Watts Elected Justice.

By a vote of 85 to 55, Richard C. Watts of Chesterfield, judge of the Fourth circuit, was elected fourth associate justice of the South Carolina supreme court over Thomas B. Fraser of Sumter, the only other nominee.

Judge Watts was nominated by W. F. Stevenson. His nomination was seconded by Senator Wharton, Mr. Dixon, Mr. McGill, Mr. Miller and the Marlboro delegation.

Mr. Fraser was nominated by Senator Johnstone. His nomination was seconded by Mr. Dick, Mr. Fultz, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Chandler and Mr. Wingard.

The election of Judge Watts fills the place provided for by the constitutional amendment voted on favorably by the qualified electors of the State and adopted by the general assembly at a later session.

Considerable laughter was caused by a "split" in the delegation from Union county. Mr. Browning rose and seconded the nomination of Mr. Fraser on behalf of the Union delegation. A moment later Senator Young of Union seconded the nomination of Judge Watts in behalf of the Union delegation.

A little later Mr. Hamilton, also of Union, seconded the nomination of Judge Watts on his own behalf.

Fraser is Elected.

Columbia, Jan. 11.—Thomas B. Fraser, of Sumter, was this afternoon elected associate justice of the supreme court, succeeding Eugene B. Gary, who was yesterday elected chief justice.

Judge Fraser was elected on the second ballot, defeating circuit Judges Gage and Prince. The name of S. W. G. Hart of Yorkville, who was nominated on the first ballot was withdrawn. The final vote was total number of votes cast, 160; necessary to choice, 81; Fraser received 93; Gage 58; Prince, 9. C. A. Woods of Marion was re-elected associate justice of the supreme court without opposition.

Atlanta Letter.

Editor Sentinel:

The city of Atlanta is covered this morning with a mantle of white. It is the first snow this year and the first of the season. It is about an inch deep.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fricks are going to make their home in Jacksonville, Fla. We hate to lose Dave and his estimable wife.

The business done by Tucker

FROM THE PALMETTO STATE

A Column of General State News That Has Been Gotten From Many Towns and Counties.

Barnwell.—The members of the Barnwell bar association have adopted resolution endorsing the candidacy of George H. Bates, a member of the Barnwell bar for judge of the second judicial circuit to succeed the late Robert Aldrich. The association asks the support of the members of the general assembly.

Lexington.—Charlie Warren, the self-confessed horse thief, pleaded guilty in the general sessions court and was sentenced by Judge Prince to serve twelve months on the county chain gang and pay a fine of \$1. Warren stole the horse of Warren Weed of this town on the night of December 29, and was captured at Blythwood two days later.

Columbia.—A number of important recommendations are contained in the annual report of E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industries to be sent to the general assembly early in the session. The recommendations cover a broad scope of work and affect all the departments of the state department of agriculture.

Conway.—Dr. J. T. Howell, the bookworm physician sent out by the state board of health to treat the disease arrived in Conway and is working in Horry county in the interest of the health of the people. Dr. Howell will establish offices at different sections of the county so that the people can easily get to him. These offices will be kept open for a limited time.

Columbia.—Pointing out that the enrollment of the institution was 703 for last year, and that the graduating class in June was the largest in the history of the institution, Dr. W. M. Riggs, president of Clemson College, has sent his report to the state superintendent of education, to be transmitted to the general assembly. He reviews the work of the school in the report.

Columbia.—The annual meeting of the National Guard Association of South Carolina will be held here in a few days. The officers for the year will be elected. Several questions to be submitted to the general assembly will be discussed. W. B. Moore of Yorkville is the president and A. E. Legare of Columbia secretary. Several interesting addresses on the National Guard affairs will be discussed.

Columbia.—The supreme court in a decision by Associate Justice Gary affirmed the verdict of the Charleston county court in the case of Alice Bennett against the Charleston Union Station Company and the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company for \$1,750 on account of damages received while employed as a car cleaner. A motion for a new trial was denied, and the case was appealed to the supreme court by the defendants.

Bennettsville.—The first county literary and athletic contest ever held in Marlboro county took place in Bennettsville a few days ago. The grounds of the graded school. The object of the exercise was the bringing into closer touch the different schools of the county and the development of an interest among the students in oratory and athletics. A number of the schools were represented.

Saluda.—A few days ago an election was held for a bond issue for town improvements. There was very little opposition. The summer visitors will see gratifying results from this election next summer. The Civic League gave a banquet to the town officials at which many plans were suggested for the improvement of the town. A mass meeting was held to discuss the interest of the town.

Newberry.—Col. E. H. Aull has assumed the duties of county superintendent of education, to which he was elected by the state board of education. The transfer of the office was made when Superintendent J. S. Wheeler turned over the records of the office to Mr. Aull. Acting under the provisions of the Constitution of South Carolina as holding two offices, Mr. Aull tendered Governor Blease his resignation as a member of the state hospital commission.

Newberry.—Fire originating in some unknown way in the basement of the pressing room of the Pomaria destroyed the pressing room and its machinery and a large quantity of meal cake. By hard work the fire was kept from spreading and the machinery, with its three gears, the engine and boiler, the seed house and the hull house were saved. The loss can not be accurately estimated now, but is somewhere from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and is fully covered by insurance. The president of the mill is V. L. Smith. The capital stock is \$30,000, owned chiefly by Pomaria people.

Columbia.—The supreme court refused to grant the petition for an injunction against the Columbia Racetrack Association, it being held that the racing had ended, and if it had constituted a nuisance, it had been abated by discontinuance.

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